

REMARKS

A. Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action, pending claims 1-30 were restricted as follows:

Group I (claims 1-21) are directed to methods for determining whether a drive is connected involving reading status register destination for a drive; and

Group II (claims 22-30) are directed to methods for determining whether a device is connected involving reading a cylinder high register destination and a cylinder low register destination for the drive and making the determination based on a first value read from the cylinder high register destination and a second value read from cylinder low register destination.

B. Election

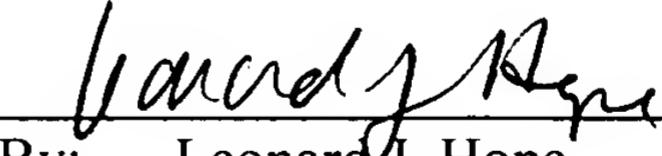
The Applicant hereby elects Group I corresponding to claims 1-21 without traverse.

C. Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or concerns, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to expeditiously resolve such concerns. No fee is believed due with the submission of this Amendment and Reply. However, if this understanding is in error, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-3634. Also, please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3634.

Respectfully submitted,
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